REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	06 September 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Death_ra.jpg
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Matters of sex and violence are connected in the image. The woman's partial nudity suggests that the killing was related to sexual matters. Her breast nudity in itself significantly sexualises the image for the viewer. The victim is degraded and dehumanised to a significant degree by presentation as a spectacle for the entertainment and prurient interest of the viewer. The computer image file format in which the material is stored and presented is significant, with characteristics best suited to optimise the quality of photographs and facilitate easy transmission and proliferation of the image to similarly oriented individuals. Given all of the characteristics of the publication and its context, the publication falls outside the legitimate uses of forensic evidence as identified by the Police experts.

Section 14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) applies to this publication, since there are no matters under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) applying to deem the publication objectionable. However, the Classification Office considers that the limit on freedom of expression resulting from the classification is reasonable and demonstrably justified, as is provided in s5 of the NZBR Act, given the aim of the FVPC Act of preventing likely injury to the public good.

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